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Mackmen's Star Outfielder Wants \$5,000 a Year or He'll Stop Work.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Eddie Foster, the Griffen's second baseman, who has been spending some weeks in Chicago, is due to arrive here Thursday. He will begin light work at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on the following day.

Foster believed in reporting ready to play ball. For this reason he will join Mike Martin's handball class at the "Y" gym. Besides Jim Shaw, who has put on some extra weight since October, and Eddie Ainsmith will be on hand to keep the pot a-bolling.

Foster is working out a war-time contract, which continues through the 1917 season, and so does not have to wait permission from Dave Fultz to get down to work.

Shaw and Ainsmith, according to Manager Griffith, have not signed their 1917 papers, but both athletes believe in getting a jump on the coming season and will work out here.

Strunk May Retire.

Amos Strunk wants \$5,000 a year. If he doesn't get it, he says he will quit playing ball, unless Connie Mack will trade or sell him.

"It is untrue that Mack has cut my salary," says Amos. "On the other hand, he has added \$500 to it, making it \$3,500. But I want \$5,000. I am now in my prime, and if I can't get \$5,000 now I never can."

"Last year I was No. 4 in hitting and second in fielding, which is pretty good on a tail-end team. I have no exaggerated opinion of myself, but I feel sure that there are fifteen major league clubs that would be willing to pay me \$5,000. For that reason, out of fairness to myself, I would like to be traded to some other club, if the Athletics do not meet my figures."

Is Not a "Holdout."

Strunk says that he does not wish to be classed as a "holdout." He insists that he wants to be fair with Connie Mack, who has always been his friend, and hopes that they may get together in time. However, Strunk says he'll devote all his time to a business enterprise of his in Philadelphia, playing independent ball as a side issue on Saturdays and holidays. If the Athletics can't pay him and won't sell or trade him.

Dick Hottel, a director at large in the Baseball Players' Fraternity, and Larry Gardner, the veteran third baseman, have come to terms with Harry H. Frazee, though they have yet to sign 1917 contracts. Each will be paid \$5,000. This is the salary Strunk wants from the Athletics.

Must Join White Rats.

It is said now that if the baseball players are to receive any assistance from union labor they must join the White Rats, an organization of vaudeville actors. Furthermore, though no official statements have been made, it is this phase of the situation which has delayed action by the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor.

Officials of the White Rats maintain that baseball is an amusement and the players are entertainers. As such, therefore, if the players are to enter the federation, they must do so under the charter of the White Rats.

Prendergast Is Expelled.

Mike Prendergast, the Chicago Cubs' pitcher, has been expelled from the Players' Fraternity for violating his pledge not to sign a 1917 contract until President Fultz gave the word. He is the third to be expelled, the others being Harry Sallee, of the Giants, and Oscar Stanner, of the Tigers.

Phil Douglass, the other Cub pitcher to sign, is not a member of the fraternity, according to Fultz. Joe Wagner, the Cincinnati shortstop, upon whom waivers had been asked, he will go South for a trial.

Meet February 12.

The two major leagues will meet in New York February 12 to ratify their 1917 schedules. This is the real meeting of the off-season and, with the fraternity strife looming up, it will be even more important this year than for many years.

Manager Griffith will go to the meeting, hoping to land 2 men or two or three. The Old Fox still owns a flock of players available in a trade, and he will snop around the Waldorf in the expectation of weaving away some slugger from some unsuspecting manager or magnate. Georgetown's variety line has been granted a game by the Griffe. It will be played April 3. Only four ante-season games will be played here, the other three being with the Phillies.

GANZEL MAKES GOOD.

John Ganzel, a former big leaguer, is in Kansas City managing a club. He started out with the fans, papers and players against him. Now he has the fans and papers and eight players signed and has permanent hope. Ganzel isn't a player, he is a diplomat.

GO TO DRAW.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—Jack Britton, of Chicago, and Johnny Griffiths, of Akron, fought a ten-round draw here last night.

MOGULS WON'T BULGE

Tener Says National League Will Maintain Firm Stand.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—"There is no truth in the report that in order to sign their players the National League clubs will raise offers already named in the new contracts," said Governor Tener today.

"The players can hold out as long as they please, but in the end they will learn that the club owners mean business. It is a case of self-preservation. The clubs simply cannot stand the extra expense. Salaries last year were enough to drive a general out of business absolutely necessary."

"If baseball is to be perpetuated the club owners cannot sustain heavier losses from year to year. I feel sure that the players in due time will realize conditions as they exist and will decide to treat their employers with fairness and consideration."

"The National League will stand firm in this matter regardless of the consequences."

FOLWELL TO FIGHT AGAINST DECISION

Penn Undergraduates Join With Him in Overturning Faculty's Action.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Football enthusiasts are today seeking ways and means to bring about a thorough investigation of the "reasons" for the dismissal of Bob Folwell as coach of the University of Pennsylvania football team. Folwell himself is in the vanguard of the fight for a clean bill of health.

Announcement of Folwell's dismissal came like a bolt of lightning. When his name was presented by the football committee, with a number of others, for election to the position of head coach, the faculty committee struck it off.

Dr. Goodspeed, of the faculty board, says that Folwell "failed as a character builder," and instances several incidents taking place on the trip to California.

Coch Charges "Frame-Up." Bob Folwell was not surprised when informed of the faculty's decision. He said he knew that considerable opposition had sprung up against him while the team was in California and charges a "frame-up." "I feel that some unorthodox methods have been used," says Folwell. "I feel that my assistants have not given me the most hearty support. In fact, I believe that they have worked against me."

Want to say right here that all this stuff has been framed up against me. One of the assistant coaches wrote a letter to the faculty, saying that he would not go back to Penn if I was reappointed. This is a fight between the old guard and the new guard. I didn't know that there was card playing going on in the train during the long journey, and that everyone joined in.

"I am going to fight them to the end, and I'll have behind me every man who is a fair-minded football progress at Penn," Folwell declared.

DUNDEE WINS ONE

New York Lightweight Defeats Hanlon at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 30.—Johnny Dundee, the New York lightweight, easily defeated Jimmy Hanlon, of Denver, here last night in twenty rounds of clever boxing. Hanlon had a margin only in two seasons.

Dundee's style pleased the big crowd of fight and race fans who packed the arena, and efforts will be made to match him here for a return battle with Willie Jackson, the New York lad, who stopped him a few weeks ago in one round.

DIVES THROUGH ICE

Albany Boxer Develops Courage.

Some Short Sport Bits.

Albany boasts of Young Maxwell, a boxer, whose trainer makes him dive through the ice every morning to condition himself for bouts. A cold plunge does one thing—develops courage.

THE AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

The American bowling congress convention tournament, to open in Detroit on March 3, will be a banner event. Figuring to accommodate 800 five-man teams.

Myron Hutchinson, Idaho State and Spokane City tennis champion, has moved from Spokane to Newark, N. J. He will probably be heard from this summer.

Fly casters of the Pacific Northwest will organize into a club at the tournament at Seattle.

A NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR A MILE

A new world's record for a mile on roller skates was established by Art Kruger in a Chicago rink. The time was 2:24.4.

The Western Conference Association has established a minimum rule of \$25 a game for football officials. No talk of a strike—yet.

U. OF MICHIGAN WILL NOT MEET

Princeton next year. The reason given was that the Tigers would not sign a two-year contract.

Manager Shay, of Milwaukee Association, has forbidden team to gamble. Says it promoted bad feelings last year.

NAVY WILL BATTLE VIRGINIA'S QUINT

Charlottesville Lads Tackle Middies at Annapolis Tomorrow.

NAVY will attempt to win its tenth straight game tomorrow afternoon when the University of Virginia basketball players take the floor at Dahlgren Hall. The Virginians have won all their games this season, and are possessed of several veterans.

Navy came near losing Saturday's game with the St. John's team, putting up the poorest exhibition of the year. It was explained that the Middies had been through a week of examinations, and were mentally fatigued. Certain it was their efforts were somewhat misdirected.

Coch Colliflower gave the team only light work yesterday, and will take things easy today. The Navy is anxious to get through the season without a loss. Virginia's strength is well known, and a hot battle is expected.

One Game Listed.

The Navy has two more games listed. Tomorrow's contest, and one with West Virginia University are the only other games on the Navy schedule. The Plebes may play the Army and Navy Prep team, but arrangements have not been completed as yet.

Gallaudet and George Washington are working night and main for their engagement Saturday. The Hatchettes have a find in Harmon, who seems to have fitted well in center and shown marked ability as a free tosser.

Saturday's engagement at Kendall Green is expected to prove a whirlwind encounter in every sense of the word. Catholic University, with a freshman team, will encounter Bucknell University on Saturday at Carroll Institute.

Georgetown Away.

Georgetown takes its Northern trip tomorrow. The team encounters Seton Hall, St. John's College, Creighton A. C. and Boston College on the itinerary. Captain O'Leary, Pees, McHugh, Cashin, O'Boyle, Bannigan, and two others will be picked to take the trip.

The Hilltoppers have lost one battle this season, that to the Navy, and are expected to make a creditable showing on the trip. St. John's was defeated handsily here, and there is no reason why another victory cannot be gained. Creighton A. C. is possessed of its usual strong team.

BOOSTS SHOCKER

Bill Donovan Thinks He Will Be Shining Star This Season.

Urban Shocker, whose pitching when a member of the Toronto club of the International League, to which he was farmed out by the Yankees, won him a reputation, should be one of the leading twirlers in the American League next season, in the opinion of Bill Donovan.

Shocker pitched wonderful ball for Toronto last season, but when he joined the Yankees he developed wildness and lost some close games. He always managed to hold the opposition to very few hits, however. Despite his unsteadiness Donovan believes that the training this spring will serve to give him more control and that by the time the warm weather arrives Shocker will be prepared to do his share in the Yankees' campaign for the pennant.

"Urban Shocker," declared Donovan in discussing the young pitcher, "is one of the most natural twirlers I ever saw. He has more stuff on the ball than many of the famous pitchers of days gone by. Shocker's spitball is a marvel and it would be a shame if the commission made a rule that prohibited the use of such a ball."

"Of course, Shocker has a lot to learn. He will acquire that in due course, however. But he has a splendid foundation on which to build. I have spent a lifetime practically in studying pitchers and I am sure that in Shocker the Yankees have a man who some day will be one of the greatest pitchers in the game."

Donovan also has high hopes for George Mogridge, Allan Russell and Cullip next season. Cullip was the leading relief pitcher in the American League in 1916, but the injury was unable to help the club when it needed him most. Next season, however, Donovan hopes to have all four men available at the same time, and believes that with them as a nucleus he will have one of the best pitching staffs in the league.

WILLIAMS FACES MCNEIL.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 30.—In an effort to get going toward the heavyweight championship, which he lost to Pete Herman in New Orleans a month ago, Dick Williams will fight Benny McNeil here tonight in a fifteen-round go. There will be no decision.

ONLY ONE MARK REMAINS.

The running marks that Tommy Consett set up in 1915 are slowly being filed away by the sprinters of this year. There is only one left, and that is the three-quarter mile mark of 8 minutes 2.45 seconds. But this one is likely to remain for some time.

WILL KEEP ZEIDER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Instead of being backed by Charlie Weegman in the purchase of the Fort Wayne, Ind., club, Zeider will act as utility infielder for the Cubs this season. Manager Mitchell has asked that he be kept.

TWO MACKMEN DROP.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Two more Mackmen have dropped into the grass. "Shag" Thompson goes to Omaha in the Western League and Bill Steinhilber goes to Houston in the Texas League. Both are outfielders.

DARCY AND M'COY MATCHED FOR BOUT

Title Will Not Be At Stake, for They Will Weigh 160 Pounds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Though Les Darcy and Al McCoy will meet in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden, March 5, the title will not be in danger. The articles call for the men to weigh not more than 160 pounds at 3 o'clock.

It is evident from this that Darcy does not care to attempt the middleweight limit, which has remained at 155 pounds for a long time. Even if the Australian should dump the Brooklyn scrapper on his ear for the count, it would mean practically nothing. Al's title to a 155-pound championship scarcely could change hands at 160 pounds. It would be like Freddie Welsh stopping Kid Herman for the bantamweight title.

Darcy will collect \$25,000 for his short affair with McCoy and the latter will be given \$10,000 for his share. The Australian is now in Buffalo, going through motions in his vaudeville stunt. He will notify Freeman Bernstein, who is running the vaudeville end of his dollar-getting operations, that he wants to fight. A clause in this contract has been provided for such emergencies. Then he is expected to beat it for Grant Hugh Brown's country bungalow, near Goshen, N. Y., and begin getting ready for his bout with McCoy.

Darcy will be assisted in his preparation by Mick King, from whom he won his Australian middleweight championship, and Freddie Gilmore, of Chicago.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Penn just can't seem to stand prosperity.

It is refreshing to see signs of real baseball appearing in the sport pages, tales of releases, of coming stars signing up, of training camps and such. The fans like just that sort of stuff. Really, Old Winter is hobbling on a crutch, not-roaring about in full vigor. The sun is daily a bit warmer. Somewhere the grass is waking up, answering the call of Mother Nature, who says: "Up, up with you, for the ball players are coming." We must wait but a little longer. Don't believe it? Well, look at the sport pages.

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A conference with Amateur Association officials and officers of the new league is expected before the next meeting of the league.

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The following received the insignia: Bernard Wise, retiring captain; Raddy, captain-elect; Robin, McDonald, Held, Benton, Berlin, Williams, Collier, Adam, King, Allard, Girardi, Towles, Ralph Wise and Kennan.

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CARROLL IN SLUMP; TRIES TO BREAK IT

Royal Star Wants to Be in Shape for Roanoke Match. Pinspilling Gossip.

J. Bernard Carroll, one of the Royal stars who will take part in the match with the Roanoke Palace teams here Saturday, is in the midst of what Carroll terms his annual slump.

The speed ball expert has been hitting, but splitting, the maples most exasperatingly of late, and intends to peg away during the remaining days before the match to get back in form.

Respect Coming Foes.

Accepting reports of the Roanoke team's performance, the Royals are convinced that they will confront opponents worthy of their mettle. The match should arouse interest second only to that shown in the famous series between Washington and Brooklyn.

Many suggestions are being heard that Johnny Veath take on several cracks for special matches to satisfy the bowling fans as to whether or not the former Baltimorean is in a distinct class by himself.

Would Be Interesting.

Harry B. Hailley, whose record in such competition is a brilliant one, has been mentioned frequently as an excellent opponent for Veath and Harry Stanford, who is an acknowledged star, is considered a hard nut to crack. A match with either of these would stir up some real interest.

WILL NOT CONFLICT

New Amateur Baseball Association to Work With District A. A.

An effort will be made by independent baseball teams to bridge the Friday-to-Monday gap during the summer, if the plans of the Independent Baseball League, recently inaugurated, carry. It is thought by those interested in the project that Saturday and Sunday games can be played in this city by the circuit to the mutual advantage of the league and the Amateur Association of the District.

At a recent meeting independent teams decided to form a league. C. E. McClure, president; James E. Wright, secretary; John E. Irving, of the Holy Name club; William Love, of Columbia 101; Vic Gausza, Johnny Mulhall and K. Walters, moving spirits in the independent circuit, intend waiting upon President Robert H. Young, of the Amateur Association, to see just what can be done to work out both projects.

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LEWIS DENIES TALE

Says Salary, Not Fultz's Order, Is Holding Up Signatures.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—George ("Duffy") Lewis, star left fielder of the world's champion Boston Red Sox, has refused to sign his 1917 contract, but not because of Dave Fultz. Lewis wants more money than has been offered him.

"I have returned my contract unsigned," said Lewis today. "I am handling my own business with the Boston club, not letting President Fultz do it for me. I am not satisfied with the terms of my contract, but I shall sign at once if President Frazee can give me the money I want."

"I wish to deny a report crediting me with saying that not one of the Red Sox would sign until Fultz gave the word. I didn't say that, and I don't believe it is true, either."

SCHOOLBOY STARS WILL QUIT TODAY

Buck Wise and Karl Glessner Finish Up at Business High School.

Bernard Wise and Karl Glessner, of Business, are playing their last high school game today when the team stacks up against Technical at the Y. M. C. A., in what is expected to be the banner contest of the season.

Both players are former captains of the teams. Wise has piloted the Business team, and Glessner was last year's captain. Both lads go out of school with the mid-year graduating class, and today's appearance will be the last for both.

Wise Has Fine Record.

Buck Wise has an athletic record to be proud of. For four years he has been a member of every athletic team put out at Business. Three times he has been selected for the All-High basketball and basketball team. In all the younger has earned thirteen letters for his athletic ability.

Glessner is another who has gained the top of the heap while at Business. Glessner has played both basketball and football, and his work at guard for the past three years has caused him to be regarded as one of the best of the scholastic players.

Will Oppose Tech.

Buck Wise has been under the weather for the past ten days, and cannot hope to do himself justice today. In a recent game with Western he was quite out of condition, but is reared up for today's battle. Business will start Ralph and Buck Wise in the forward positions, Mac Donald in center, and Glessner and Schneider in guards.

Today's game should be won by Tech judging on past performances. If Business is able to show a better defense than the Manual Trainers the Stenographers will be able to grab off a win.

Games on Tomorrow.

Today's high school battle is the only one scheduled for the day, and should draw the biggest crowd of the series. Tomorrow Georgetown Freshmen and Eastern will hook up in a battle at Ryan gym. St. Albans and Army and Navy Preps are booked for a game tomorrow.

On Thursday Eastern and Gonzaga are due for a game in the Gonzaga gymnasium, while on Friday Tech and Western and Central and Eastern are set for a double-header at the Y. M. C. A. Gonzaga comes back for a return game with the Georgetown freshmen. The Gonzaga lads defeat the freshmen yesterday by 26 to 25 in a game which required three extra periods.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

National Capital—National Capitals vs. Southeast Stars, at National Capital.

District—Royals vs. Garrisons, at Royal.

Manassas—Mt. Pleasant vs. Acadia; Pentapolis vs. Washington Centennial, at Royal.